Hindi speaking areas to the Vidyalaya located in non-Hindi speaking areas and vice-versa. It is under this scheme that students from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV), Navegaon Khairi, Nagpur migrate to JNV, Khunga Kothi, Jind. These 30% students are selected on the basis of volition or draw of lots irrespective of economic background etc.

Improvement of science education in schools

739. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for the low percentage of primary and secondary schools availing the assistance under the Improvement of Science Education in Schools Scheme;

(b) whether the evaluation committee headed by Prof. K.V. Rao of NCERT has since submitted its report; and

(c) if not, by when the report is likely to be submitted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) Km. SELJA) : (a) The Scheme does not apply to Primary Schools. So far 44% of Upper Primary and 37% of Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools have been covered under the scheme with an outlay of Rs. 142·72 crores from 1987-88 to 1992-93. Within the resources allocated for the Scheme, these percentages are considered to be adequate.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per the latest indications from the Chairman of Evaluation Committee, the report is likely to be submitted by the end of December, 1993.

Building for Central Institute of Vocational Institution

740. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has so far been made in the construction of building for the Central Institute of Vocational Education ;

(b) what are the reasons for such inordinate delay in this regard ; and

(c) by when the Institute is likely to start functioning from its own building ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DBPTT. OF CULTURE) (KM. SELJA) : (a) to (c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has given 50 acres of land for the Central Institute of Vocational Education. Preparatory action for construction of the building has already been initiated. In the meantime, the Institute has started functioning from a rented buinding in Bhopal.

Improvement of science education scheme in Punjab

741. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to improve the quality of science education, a centrally sponsored scheme of improvement of science education in schools was started in 1987-88 ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme;

(c) the extent to which this scheme has been introduced in Punjab;